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Senate seeks changes to LTC dancing policy

By JOE CRESSMAN
NEWS EDITOR

In a 16-1 vote Thursday night Student Senate passed a proposal which may forever change the Life Together Covenant's policy on dancing.

The proposal, which was written by junior and Senator Patrick Rowland, was recently passed in

Executive Cabinet with an 11-0 vote and will go next to Community Life Cabinet for a vote. If Community Life passes the proposal, it will find its way to the Taylor Board of Trustees this spring.

Rowland, who has spent a year and a half on the proposal, is optimistic that the proposal will pass Community Life.

"I don't see it stopping there," he said. "I plan on the proposal being looked at in May [by the trustee board]."

Rowland said approval of the trustee board will be the last step toward the proposal taking effect.

"If it's yes from them [the board], you'll be signing a different LTC next year," he said.

The proposal seeks changes to the LTC's paragraph five, which forbids social dancing, except under university sanction. The largest change is the addition of a sentence to the end of paragraph five which would read, "Dancing at cultural ceremonies, such as weddings, and dances that are designed to worship God are allowed."

The proposal also requests other minor changes to how the paragraph is worded so that students will be less confused over the dancing policy.

Rowland said the dancing policy is something which seems to affect students directly.

"I feel like it's something a lot

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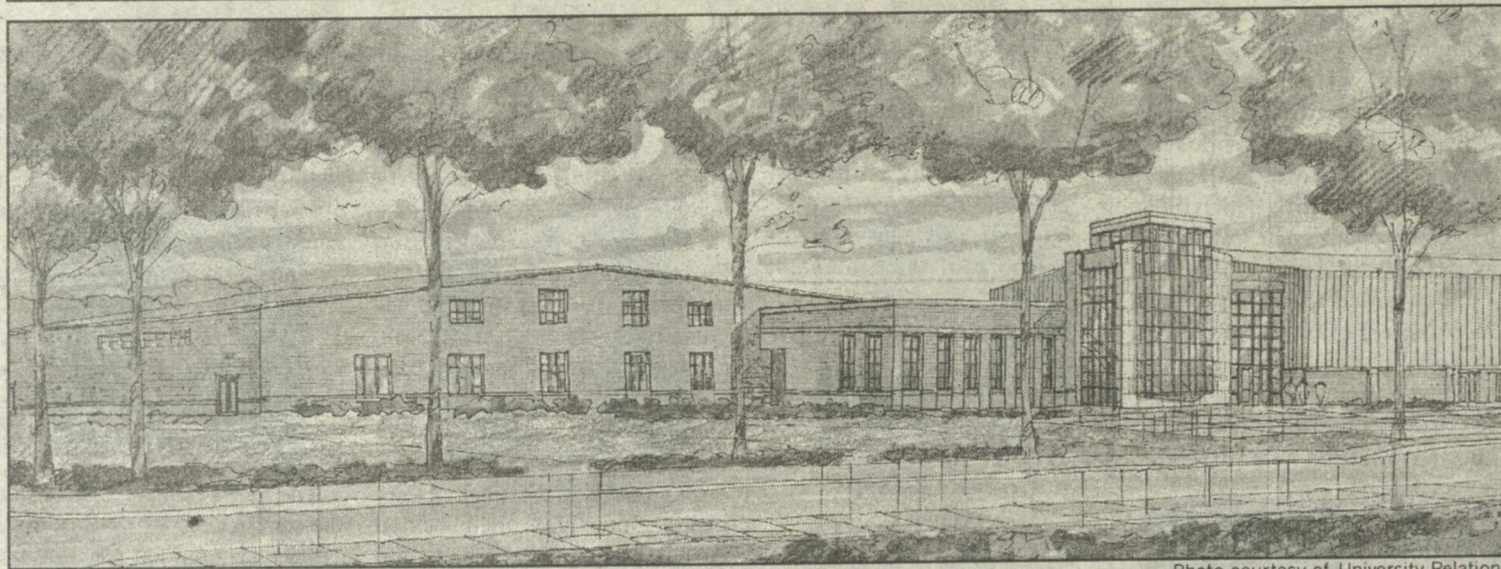


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WITH ONLY \$500,000-\$700,000 LEFT TO RAISE, groundbreaking for the Kesler Student Activities Center may start by May 2003.

Taylor nearing goal for Kesler Center

By EMILY GILBERT
STAFF WRITER

Groundbreaking for the new Kesler Student Activities Center will begin in May 2003 if all funding is identified, said Ron Sutherland, vice president of business and finance.

Money for the facility is being raised through the sale of bonds which can be up to a five to seven-year money pledge. Approximately \$3.5 million has already been raised, said Sutherland, and with only \$500,000-\$700,000 left to identify, Taylor is nearing its goal for the construction to begin.

The 88,000 square-foot Kesler Center will take 15-18 months to complete. The facility will feature four new playing surfaces for intramurals, classes, athletic teams

and other recreation. Encompassing the playing surfaces will be a 200-meter competitive-level track. Expanded locker rooms, a new weight training center and a rehabilitation room will also be available after completion.

The center is one of the original pieces of the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign launched in 1996. With a goal of raising \$75 million, the campaign includes projects on both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses. To date over \$60 million has already been raised, Sutherland said.

This Kesler Center is the first of a three-phase building project, which will eventually include renovations in Odle Gymnasium and the Student Union. Plans for the next phases are still up in the air.

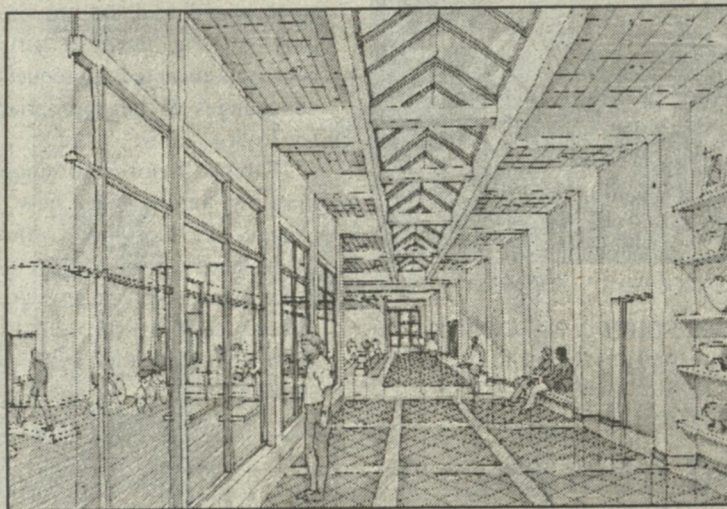


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AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF WHAT THE KESLER CENTER will look like from the lobby, looking down the main corridor.

"We haven't built any student space since the old gym 30 years ago that meets academic and student interest needs," Sutherland said.

"I'm really excited to be getting a new weight room that will accommodate everyone's needs, because I'm sick

of waiting for an elliptical machine or treadmill," said freshman Miriam White.

According to Harold Hazen, vice president of University Advancement, Taylor will benefit by getting the facili-

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Weekend conference to address lust issue

By ERIK KIELISCH
STAFF WRITER

Lust and trust make an interesting week.

Spiritual Renewal speaker Dr. Scott J. Hafemann exhorted students this week to trust in God, and his desire that "we might be encouraged to trust God more and more as he leads us into difficult situations so that we honor him with our lives" will pave the way for the men's conference Saturday.

Director of men's ministry, Brandon Carl, said this year's conference will address problems that every man faces.

"Lust, porn and sexual temptation are the biggest problems on campus," Carl said. "My personal goal is that this [conference] will help show men on campus that they are not alone with their issues."

According to Carl, New Life Ministries' Joe Dallas will host a one-day version of their five-day "Every Man's Battle" seminar. Though New Life rarely conducts one-day conferences, they agreed to do so this weekend and also slashed the cost down to \$55 per person, most of which is covered by donors, Carl said.

"Our goal [for the conference]

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UCAP revamps faith statement

BY AARON SHAPIRO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. David Gyertson has requested that the University Council for Assessment and Planning examine Taylor's foundational documents, and as a result Taylor's Statement of Faith will go through a make-over.

The Statement of Faith, one of Taylor's four foundational documents, has not been evaluated since 1994, and some feel the change was overdue.

"There was a general feeling that, given the current post-modern context, we needed to make sure that Taylor clearly communicated its position," said Dr. Steve Bedi, vice president of Administration and Planning.

Bedi facilitated the council, a group made up of administrators, faculty and staff, as they reworked the Statement of Faith over the last year and a half.

The council requested the assistance of Dr. Win Corduan, professor of philosophy and religion, to examine the "theological comprehensiveness and appropriateness" of the current Statement of Faith.

Bedi said the council also looked at many of the classic statements that outline the evangelical Christian faith, including the Amsterdam Declaration, the Nicene Creed, the Apostles' Creed and other documents to ensure that Taylor's Statement of Faith was in line with the views of evangelical Christians worldwide.

Bedi said the proposed Statement of Faith will not undermine Taylor's Christian principles, but will reaffirm and clarify its beliefs.

"We wanted to be proactive in bringing greater clarity to those who want to assure that the institution does fall within the evangelical tradition and that there is no equivoca-

tion on some of these very important issues," Bedi said.

One of the changes to the statement was to make clear that the Bible is the "only" inspired and authoritative word of God, Bedi said. Another change is to include a statement assuring salvation for anyone who comes to Christ. The council hopes the changes will prevent confusion in the future.

According to Bedi, the council has finished the modifications of the Statement of Faith, and it has been given to Taylor's Board of Trustees. The board has unofficially approved the changes, but they will not take effect until their next meeting on May 8-9.

Bedi stressed the overriding purpose of the Statement of Faith.

"It's to assure the central place of evangelical Christian belief for now and for the future of Taylor University," he said.

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has been to help men understand what it means to be a man of God and to provide biblical and practical answers to the problems men face every day," Carl said.

New Life Ministries is a radio program that helps men to deal with sexual temptation. The ministry's founder and chairman, Stephen Arterburn, felt so strongly on the issue that he co-authored the books, *Every Man's Battle* and *Every Young Man's Battle*.

"Pornography is a big problem," said Wes Mason, vice president of New Life operations. "Students at a Christian California campus were hitting 4,000 to 5,000 porn sites per month, and it's problems like these that led us to get seriously involved in this."

The weekend's speaker, Joe Dallas, is no stranger to the problems of lust and sexual temptation. As the founder of Genesis Counseling, Dallas counsels men dealing with sexual addiction, homosexuality and other sexual/relational problems.

"My goal is to give men greater insight into how their sexual behavior is affecting them and their loved ones," Dallas said, "and to provide tools to equip them to abstain from pornography or sexually inappropriate behavior."

Every month, Dallas' teachings bring men from all over the country to his five-day workshops.

"In spite of their conservative beliefs, struggling men find that they have incorporated habits, or

established relationships, that are gratifying but are at odds with their basic beliefs," Dallas said.

The conference is vital because "they reach a point of crisis at which they're willing to give these behaviors up, but often don't have a clue as to how to begin, or how to keep their commitment to abstain from these behaviors," he added.

According to Dallas, the conferences cover four of the basic components of recovery from any life-dominating behavior: repentance, structure, insight and endurance.

"I'd like to see every man who comes to the seminar better equipped to manage his sexuality in a biblically-based manner," Dallas said, "and to strengthen his relationship with God, his family and his community."

Some Taylor men are looking forward to the conference.

"It'll be a good time for guys to admit things to each other and be encouraged because we are all in this together," said junior David Kaspar.

The men's ministry has hosted the conferences for the past three years with nominal success, but this year's response was much larger than the ministry expected, Carl said.

Taylor men aren't the only ones invited to the conference. Invitations were sent to Anderson University, Ball State and other local schools. A group from Western Michigan University is also coming down, Carl said.



Photo by Bryan Smith

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SPEAKER DR. SCOTT J. HAFEMANN URGED STUDENTS last week to put their trust God in the difficult situations of life by preaching from Ephesians.

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of students mention," he said. "It's a topic that we hear students on campus talk about."

Rowland said the proposal took a long time to write because he wanted the requested changes to be appropriate for Taylor.

"I think Taylor is so unique that it's hard to see how a change like this would affect it," he said.

Rowland said senate's goal this semester will be to foster more communication with the student body.

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ties completed soon.

"The economy is hurting as far as fund raising," said Harold Hazen, vice president of University Advancement. "It's extremely important for us to get this done for the students. Competing colleges and universities already have this type of facility."

Many students are anticipating the Kesler Student

Activities Center, especially those on athletic teams who experience regular inconvenience due to lack of available space.

"We only have one gym court, and it's hard for athletic teams to get gym time and especially difficult for students who aren't in athletics," said freshman Scott Schmeissing.



BACK TO REALITY: SEEING WITH GOD'S EYES
FEBRUARY 24-28, 2003

Who or what defines your reality? Don't miss this week of special programs that will provide the Taylor community with the opportunity to take an honest look at our perceptions of ourselves and of others. Through chapel services and evening sessions, we will have the opportunity to consider the influences of culture and media and to take a closer look at our own assumptions about the degree to which appearance determines worth.

Watch for further publicity and schedules in the coming week.

"Nothing takes the taste out of peanut butter quite like unrequited love."

-Charlie Brown

Valentine's Day brings ecstasy and angst

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day origins, trivia and modern insanity

BY RACHEL HEPWORTH
FEATURES EDITOR

As with practically all other holidays Americans celebrate, the precise origins of Valentine's Day are shrouded in mystery.

One legend says that St. Valentine was a monk in the third century A.D who refused to obey a law of Roman emperor Claudius II, that men were forbidden to marry. Claudius' thinking, apparently, was that single men make better soldiers than married ones, so he outlawed marriage. Valentine took pity on love-stricken couples and married them in secret. Valentine was thrown into prison and died on February 14.

Another version states that Valentine was jailed for helping Christians. While in prison, he healed the jailer's daughter of her blindness. Claudius was enraged at this and had him put to death - on February 14.

Yet another version says that he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and wrote her letters,

signing them "From your Valentine."

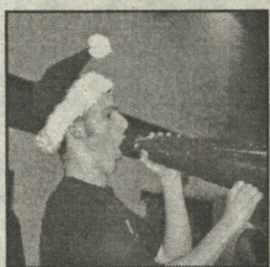
Another legend recounts that in the Middle Ages, Valentine's Day was associated with birds' mating seasons. (Remember *Bambi* and "twitterpated"?)

Speaking of birds, lovebirds are often featured in Valentine's Day paraphernalia. Found in Africa, these birds earned their names because of their way of sitting very close to their mates.

In these modern times, Valentine's Day has become the second largest consumer-driven holiday. Over 1 billion Valentine's cards are bought and sent each year.

The 2000 U.S. census reported (I have no idea how they did this, but hey, it's the government) that the average American consumed 25 pounds of candy per year, and it is believed that a large portion is eaten around Valentine's Day.

Whether you have a special date with your honey, or you can't wait to see all those pink hearts go away and never come back, Valentine's Day is still a fun time to tell those around you how special they are to you.



Andrew Slate,
sophomore

"Since my girlfriend is in Ireland, I'll be walking along a sandy beach with a guy who likes sandy beaches."



Dinonne Osman,
freshman

"Most likely a movie with the girls."



Dusty Disanto,
sophomore

"No girls, no problem."



Chris Burns,
sophomore

"I'm going to sweep my wife off her feet."



Kerin Maggar,
senior

"My roommate and I are going to make Valentine's Day cookies."



Kyle Dufendach,
junior

"I have nothing planned right now. We may get a group of singles from our floor and our sister floor to do something."

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"They have computers, and they may have other weapons of mass destruction."

-Janet Reno

Student teaching: a learning experience

BY RACHEL HEPWORTH
FEATURES EDITOR

Student teaching is the climax of every education major's college career. Theories, labs and forgotten adolescent psychology terms turn into reality at once.

Every fall, Taylor sends out 80-90 student teachers to both local and international schools, said Dr. Pamela Medows, assistant professor of education and director of field experiences.

For senior Renee Aukeman, her semester student teaching was both extremely difficult and rewarding. She is a secondary education major, with an emphasis in literature.

Renee taught eighth grade for her first 10 weeks at Madison-Grant Jr. High in Fairmount, Ind. For her second experience, she taught seventh through twelfth grade English at a missionary children's boarding school in Bolivia, South America for seven weeks.

Her hardest "learning experi-

ences" came while teaching at Madison-Grant. She began her year by making lesson plans, wading through piles of supplements to the curriculum. She would leave the house every day at 7 a.m. "always with a cup of coffee!"

For six class periods every day, Renee taught the same lesson to a fresh batch of energetic eighth-graders. While the constant repetition meant that by the end of the day, she would have the lesson down pat, there were hidden dangers.

"I nearly fell asleep one day while teaching," she laughed. "I was so bored!"

Although it is easy to make exclamations of how horrible student teaching is, Renee never regretted her choice of career.

"I love kids, and I love literature. I loved my kids," she declared.

However, most of her "horror" stories did occur in Indiana. When asked about her experience in Bolivia, she answers, "I

loved Bolivia!"

The school, Tambo, is located in the foothills of the Andes Mountains and is run by New Tribes Mission.

"It's in the middle of nowhere!" Renee said.

Before she left, Renee only knew a few sketchy details of what she was expected to teach. Once at the school, with rare access to the Internet and other resources, she was left primarily to her own creativity to devise lesson plans.

"I had to come up with almost all my own materials. That made me a much better teacher, to have to think outside the box," Renee said.

Because the school was small, and most of the students lived in nearby dorms, Renee was able to get to know her students at a more personal level. Also, living in a desert brought adventures right into her home.

One day, one of her students was taking a nap on Renee's couch, and Renee, in the next



Photo provided by Renee Aukeman

SENIOR RENEE AUKEMAN student taught for 7 weeks at a school for missionary children in Bolivia.

room, heard her call, "Miss Aukeman, come get this scorpion off my leg!"

Renee hurried out to find, sure enough, a scorpion crawling up this young girl's leg. She picked up a sandal, flicked it off and gallantly disposed of it. After that, the girl went back to sleep. When she woke up, to Renee's amazement, the girl didn't remember a thing.

"No one believed me when I told them!" she said.

Renee's advice to soon-to-be student teachers?

"Live with other student teachers," she said.

Renee said that sharing common frustrations and being able to bounce ideas off others who are in similar circumstances are just some of the many pluses of it.

Professor and student revise computer textbook

BY GLORIA PUDAITE
STAFF WRITER

When you enter the COS 250 classroom, you glance at your textbook and notice two familiar names on the cover. They are the names of Taylor's very own Dr. Stefan Brandle (pronounced BRAND-lee), associate professor of computer science and David Whittington, senior at Taylor.

"We are very excited about this textbook," said Whittington. "We worked very hard on this revision. It was a great experience."

The two collaborated in revising a data structures textbook, the title of which is *A Laboratory Course in C++ Plus Data Structures*. This will serve as a companion to a widely used current data structures textbook. The book will be published on February 15, 2003.

Brandle and Whittington began this project when Brandle asked the publishers, Jones and Bartlett, if he could see the man-



Photo by Matthew Wissman

DR. STEFAN BRANDLE AND STUDENT DAVID WHITTINGTON combined efforts to revise a computer science textbook.

uscript for the planned new edition of the laboratory book. The publishers said that the intended author had been unable to do the project and asked Brandle if he wanted to revise the book.

Using the suggestions of several changes made by the publisher and the author, Brandle and Whittington began the process of revision last July.

"We only had about three

months to work on this revision. We worked very hard and got it done!" said Brandle.

When the project was given to them, both were at Taylor working on the TU Satellite and other projects.

"I knew I could not do this revision alone with our second child being born, so I asked David if he could help me. He was a T.A. in the Data Structures class and

has a lot of experience in programming," said Brandle.

Whittington worked on rewriting the programs while Brandle worked on rewriting the chapters.

"I mainly added appendices and made changes in codes so that they would comply with new standards," said Whittington.

Brandle and Whittington worked closely on each chapter and proofed each other's work. According to Brandle, both men probably put in about 500 hours in total.

"It was like writing a one-page paper a day," said Brandle.

"It was a great experience working on this book. I'll be graduating in a few months, so this book will be a great resume as I apply for graduate school. I

enjoyed working on this revision, and I got paid for it!" said Whittington.

Within three months, they had finished their revision. This book will be in use at Taylor's COS 250 class this semester.

"The publishers expect there will be 3,000 [copies] of this book sold a year," Brandle said. The unveiling of the book will on Feb. 20 in Reno, Nevada at the yearly Computer Science Education Conference (SIGCSE). In the future Brandle and Whittington hope to do another revision of this book.

"We had a short time to work on the revision, but we are satisfied with it. It was worth the time, we had a great experience working on this book," said Brandle.

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"I am so convinced of the advantages of looking at mankind instead of reading about them, and of the bitter effects of staying at home with all the narrow prejudices of an Islander, that I think there should be a law amongst us to set our young men abroad for a term among the few allies our wars have left us."

-Lord Byron

Study-abroad students deserve respect

BY RACHEL HEPWORTH
FEATURES EDITOR



Why is it that students who go on semester-long study-abroad trips get next to no recognition and students

who spend a J-term or a mere week in another country get multiple chapels dedicated to praising them?

After every chapel in J-term dozens of people gather around the piano and pray for the J-term trips. That's great. I'm not knocking prayer, or even missions trips. But never is a word said about semester-long trips.

People who spend a semester abroad are giving so much of themselves. They are actually in a country long enough to adapt to

the culture, build relationships over months of interaction, and are able to truly impact the place they are in. Sure, they don't go with words like "mission" or "evangelism" stamped on them like billboards, and they haven't gone to a class to memorize a five-minute testimony.

But study-abroad students are brave enough to leave all that is familiar, all their friends, family and homes, and go spend four months in an unfamiliar, sometimes hostile place.

I didn't go to Lithuania with a spiritual agenda. I didn't go with a journal full of things I wanted God to teach me. Most of the American students at Lithuania Christian College weren't the type to have a weekly Bible study. I went with a "watch me do this, I'm independent" atti-

tude. But during that semester, God broke me and showed me a side of myself I didn't know existed. For what it's worth, I was able to share my faith with my Lithuanian friends, some-

Maybe the 'powers that be' are embarrassed that some of us might have traveled abroad with less-than-angelic purposes.

thing I probably wouldn't have been able to do if I was there for only a week, because culturally, sharing one's faith without an invitation or strong friendship is a no-no.

Some of my American friends worked in an orphanage, and one of the first things the nurses said was, "Please don't come if you'll only be here for a week. It hurts the children to be lavished with attention and then dropped cold in a week."

That was one of the many times that I thanked God for being able to stay a whole semester.

Although awareness of study-abroad programs is growing, sometimes I still feel we are a hidden minority on campus. We are given few opportunities to discuss our experiences with the campus at large. Last semester

was the first time I had ever seen stories from study-abroad students in *The Echo*.

It was just a little painful, having given so much of myself over four months and then coming back here and hearing all about how wonderful the lighthouse teams were with giving a whole month!

Honestly, I don't think I'm better than those mission trips. Different purposes warrant different methods. I merely ask for

a reality check, and perhaps some equal acknowledgement. Taylor advertises their great study-abroad programs to prospective students, so give some of us who were brave enough to go for so long a little recognition as well. Last Monday's chapel was the first time "study abroad students" have ever been mentioned in chapel, in the two and one-half years I've been here. Maybe we're just not spiritual enough to be mentioned in chapel. Maybe the "powers that be" are embarrassed that some of us might have traveled abroad with less-than-angelic purposes.

Maybe the answer is for all university-initiated international travel to receive equal recognition in chapels. Give us an opportunity to tell our stories, too. God's powerful will works through all travel, just as it does

Letter to the editor: Objectionable material shouldn't rule out movie

I appreciate Andrew Wichterman's opinion article last week calling Taylor students to be selective in their entertainment choices, and I certainly agree with him on that facet.

But if you recall, Andrew's assumption is that: if objectionable material is found in a certain form of entertainment, then it is inappropriate to partake in. I disagree. I'm not persuaded that it follows to basically say I'm doing something wrong simply by watching (or reading) something that has objectionable material.

I'm going to concede that there are movies and shows birthed by Hollywood that ought not be watched; however, I would submit that the real danger is from a subtle influence rather than a blatant one. But I'll leave that for a further discussion. Now objectionable material (synonymous with "offensive"), I feel, doesn't automatically rule out a movie. For if his assumption was true, then something is found within the pages of scripture are objec-

tionable, making them, therefore, inappropriate to read.

Consider a man driving a spear through the back of another man and then into the woman's body because they were having a sexual encounter? How would Hollywood depict a guy who takes the jawbone of a donkey and kills close a thousand men with it? How do you transpose the Song of Solomon into a modern day love poem and not have it rival that of the steamiest love novel?

Certainly this material is objectionable, and if we were to accept Andrew's assumption, it seems to follow then that the Bible is immoral simply because it portrays objectionable material.

I'm assuming we all think the Bible should be read despite the objectionable material, so I think it is too quick to say just because a movie has objectionable material it is automatically wrong to watch. His assumption would be wrong, in this light, because the Bible has objectionable material

but is clearly not wrong.

Lets not downplay the depth of

Secular movies tend to expose and wrestle with some of the material that makes most Christians blush. I think it wrong for us to say that these movies are wrong...

human sinfulness. I subscribe to a worldview that says humans

are extremely corrupt and in desperate need of a cure. Secular movies tend to expose and wrestle with some of the material that makes most Christians blush. I think it wrong for us to say that these movies are wrong because they portray or speak on or about the real parts of the human experience.

This isn't to say that we should-

n't have some reservation about every movie nor is this a get-out-of-jail-free card in terms of moral responsibility. I would echo Andrew's criticism that we don't give enough attention to what we watch, but conversely, I would argue that our attention should be more focused on a critical Christian response rather than not to watch with no response at all.

By Daniel Dolson

Letters to the Editor

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"Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice."

-Baruch Spinoza

Get out from under the rug and Back to Reality

What if you were a super hero and could read people's minds? Thoughts, feelings, motivations, and struggles of others would be laid before you to see. No more trying to figure out if that guy really likes you, no more wondering if what she says is what she means--nothing would be hidden from your amazing powers. With so many people trying to look or be different on the outside, discovering the truth would be valuable. You would see how genuine people at Taylor really are.

But why should you need a superpower in the first place? Shouldn't people be living in

truth already? Why do we try to cover up all our faults by trying to be someone different? Are we more afraid of what others think than what God thinks? If we do not meet people's expectations, we could lose approval, kindness, or praise. Finding affirmation in people is initially more appealing than finding it in God because people's praises are tangible. However, people are fickle and must be continually pleased or impressed to maintain acceptance.

God's approval is consistent but more difficult to feel in this physical world. "So God created man in his own image, in the

image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). God has created us beautifully, and we must trust his favor as good and fulfilling.

February 24 through 28 Taylor will host Back to Reality week in an effort to educate, encourage, and support us as we wrestle with issues of identity and image. Society today wrenches at true manhood, womanhood, success, and beauty. Media bombards us with false images of what we should look and act like. Decisions on our dress and behavior have become tied to the way television, movies, or

celebrities are portrayed. Instead of respect and truth, image and emotion drive our society and threaten where many Christians find their identity.

Throughout my own life, I have struggled with pleasing others. I want people to like me and keep liking me, so I do not let others get too close to who I really am. Dressing nice, acting Christian, and avoiding difficult conversations is the easiest way to keep a large group of people liking me. Pulling a rug over the dirt is much easier than cleaning it out. But the floor still isn't clean. We at Taylor must do more than put on a mask of kindness, spiritual-

ity, and beauty. We must grow toward godliness with our whole selves, unafraid of how we look to the outside world.

I want to challenge us as a community at Taylor to consider what we put our trust in for identity. Do you try to dress up, look perfect? Do you try to emulate the impossible standards this world has set for beauty and self-image? Is your Christianity genuine or a show? As we address the important issues of image, identity, and reality in the Taylor community, I encourage you to participate, think, and grow as a Christian.

By Kyle Dufendach

Letter to the editor: Blindly criticizing "peace-niks" unacceptable

I am writing in response to Jon Teune's letter to the editor in the February 7 issue of *The Echo*. I am one of those so-called "peace-niks" whom Mr. Teune finds so "annoying" for having an opinion on the prospect of war with Iraq that is different from his own.

I have no intention of debating Mr. Teune on the issue of whether a pre-emptive attack on Iraq is justifiable or necessary; instead, I simply wish to point out that Mr. Teune's publicly declared intolerance of alternate viewpoints is out of line. I am also taking this opportunity to address Mr. Teune's disrespectful statements and share some facts that contradict the claims he

makes against those, like me, who would like to see every possibility of a peaceful resolution exhausted before our nation resorts to engaging in war.

We are not ignorant. We have good reason to be concerned about the worldwide consequences that war with Iraq may bring. Many well-educated people around the globe share my concerns and continue to implore the United States to exercise restraint in moving too quickly toward war with Iraq. Here in our own country, former President Jimmy Carter continues to advocate the exploration and careful consideration of alternatives to war with Iraq. There is also a broad spectrum of

Christian leaders who oppose war.

Our taking a stand for alternatives to war is not an act. I am a member of the Evangelical Mennonite church in Upland (also known as Upland Community Church) whose denomination historically upholds a position of pacifism. People like me who have conscientious objections to war do not protest just because we randomly disagree with the latest political move of the President of the United States. We don't disbelieve the reports that Saddam Hussein is harboring weapons of mass destruction. We don't oppose war with just Iraq. Rather, in principle, we are

opposed to war and its consequences; it is a deeply felt personal conviction.

We deserve some credit for taking such a stand, for speaking out for what we truly believe is a view worth advocating. After all, Jesus himself said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." How disgraceful that we should be ridiculed by a brother in Christ because we stand for peace! At the very least, we have a Constitutional right to exercise our freedom of speech, and - especially on a Christian liberal arts campus - I believe we ought to be able to do so without verbal insults from a brother in Christ.

I don't know, Mr. Teune, if you were the one who tore down a

news article about war protests that I posted on my office door this fall. I don't know if you were one of the two young men I politely waited upon to get into my office after chapel one day while they laughed and made insulting remarks about another, similar article I had posted on my office door (this time behind the glass). If so, that is sad. If not, it is even sadder to think that there are others, like you, in this Taylor community who don't hesitate to openly mock a differing point of view or who are quick to try to silence opposing views with such disrespectful and disgraceful behavior.

By Angie Macomber

Letter to the editor: In the cry for attention, John Cusack is all mine

I feel the need to claim things. Whether it's a band, a movie star, or a fashion, if something gets popular and I liked it beforehand, I have this overwhelming urge to tell everybody I see. This

is just to let them know that I'm not one of the crowd. I am the proletariat of popular culture.

At first I thought that perhaps this innate tendency harkens back to early explorers marking

their territory with a flag, but then I realized that more than likely it's just the human equivalent to peeing on trees and fire hydrants. Urine or words-- either way the uncontrollable outbursts

are probably annoying to those around me.

But really-I did it first. Take John Cusack as an example. He's been in a flurry of recent box-office hits with big-name stars, and now people go, "Oh yeah. John Cusack. I'm a big fan of his." Excuse me, but no you are not. I don't mean to be arbitrarily choosing who may or may not praise him, but I believe that I have a prior claim. I've been in love with John Cusack since I was six and saw him in Disney's *The Journey of Natty Gann* where he plays, according to the back of the box, "a hardened drifter." I wanted so much to be

Natty Gann and to travel across the country in a boxcar with him, to exchange letters, and to have him fall in love with me. If in 20 years I am happily married and firmly ensconced in domestic life, I will leave absolutely everything if John Cusack stands in front of my house holding a boombox playing "In Your Eyes" above his head. He is mine; don't even pretend to like him.

Why do we have to distinguish ourselves from the masses by our interest in things that, in the grand scheme of it all, are not matters of consequence? It's a sad cry for attention.

By Elaine Friedberg



ATTENTION! CONTEST!

Want cash? Think you can draw? And do you have a politician's wit, or lack thereof?

If you answered yes, then *The Echo* is looking for you to be a political cartoonist. Submit political cartoons to the office at Rupp 230 by Feb. 26 for a chance at \$25!

"Live as if you were living already for the second time, and as if you had acted the first time as wrongly as you are about to act now."

- Viktor Frankl

Over the Rhine: *Cutting Room Floor* a great compilation

By LIZ BOLTZ
A&E EDITOR

Compilation CD's filled with songs that didn't make the cut can be risky. There is usually a good reason a song fails to get on an album -- buying a disc full of those songs takes some courage. In 2001, Cincinnati's Over the Rhine released *Films for Radio* under their new label, Virgin's Back Porch division. It contains hopeful radio singles like "Give Me Strength" by Dido Armstrong and features a number of songs that break from Over the Rhine's more acoustic roots, leaving the listener even more confused as to the genre of the band's music. *The Cutting Room Floor*, their latest compilation album, re-releases some of the *Films for Radio* songs and adds a few tracks that have been popular live, including a cover of Neil Young's "Helpless."

It starts with the sound of a record spinning, then introduces Jack Henderson's sad electric guitar. Karin Bergquist, one half of the band's songwriting team, has what some have called a haunting voice. "Spinning," the

first song on the album, takes full advantage of that reputation. Her slow, soulful plea is emotionally charged and passionate. She sings, "I am ready now to throw away the rules. We're all beggars, tramps, and fools." The next songs do just that: throw away the rules.

There are two versions of never-before released "Toledo" on the CD, one with lyrics and one without. The instrumental version features a harmonica solo to make those strictest about avoiding anything too country long for a bluegrass section in their music collection. "I Let It Go," also a new track, is reminiscent of 1996's independent *Good Dog, Bad Dog*, arguably their best release, and "It's Never Quite What it Seems" seems like it could have fit on the band's earliest album, *Til We Have Faces* in 1991. Linford Detweiler is usually the piano player of the band, but Bergquist branches out and plays solo on "Happy and Free." The live version of "Helpless," backed up by the likes of Buddy and Julie Miller, Kim Taylor, and Erin McKeown, all guests at 2001's annual

Homecoming Christmas Show, is truly beautiful. The story behind their use of the song is told in the liner notes, always one of the great parts of any OTR album, and makes the song especially touching.

Perhaps the highlight of the CD, however, is the duet on "Green-Clouded Swallowtail." Detweiler has never before sung on one of their releases, unless his spoken poetry of "Jack's Valentine" counts, even though the song is no longer available (except on an out-of-print version of *Good Dog, Bad Dog*). "Swallowtail," however, boasts both Linford's and Karin's voices, with Linford singing a quietly understated harmony on the choruses. This song has previously only existed on bootlegged copies and free mp3s from their website. There is only one conclusion to be made: These two should sing together more often.



Photo by Jennifer Price, courtesy of overtherhine.com

Karin Bergquist of Cincinnati band Over the Rhine sings powerfully and plays guitar live. On *The Cutting Room Floor*, she takes up the piano.

The Cutting Room Floor was released independently, for sale only through www.overtherhine.com. Also available only through their website is Linford's book, *Unsung*. This hand-bound volume will inspire and encourage the reader with its statements on life, beauty, and love.

Later this year, Back Porch Records will be putting out another full-length, all-new Over the Rhine album. Recording is currently under way, but it is no sacrifice to get *The Cutting Room Floor*. If there is ever a risk with compilation CD's, this was one worth taking.

Senior Art Exhibits

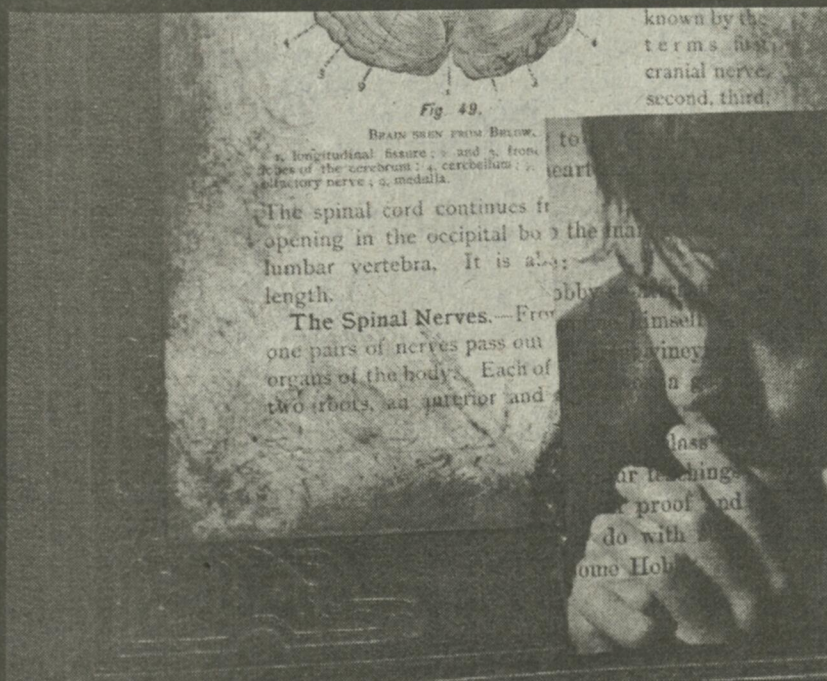


Photo by Megan Elder

"AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT" is the title of Sarah Nurmi's exhibit of mixed media collages, displayed in the Tyndale Galleria. It makes the statement, "Art is communication."

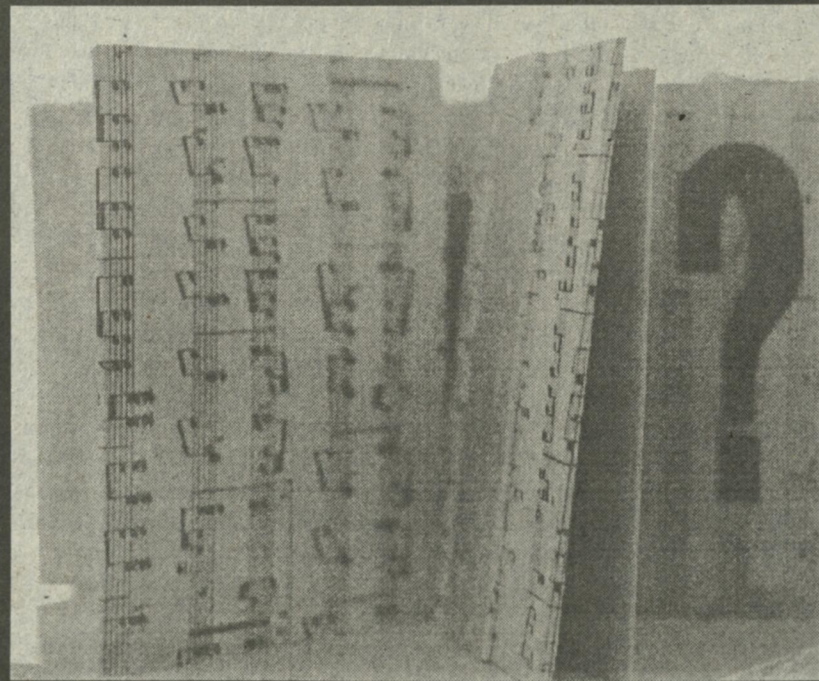


Photo by Megan Elder

Heather Barnes's "THE ART OF THE BOOK" is currently in the Engstrom Galleria. Barnes says books are "full of rich textures, imagery, and layers." This is "Spiritual Growth No. 2."

"We have a great bunch of outside shooters. Unfortunately, all our games are played indoors."

-Weldon Drew

Lady Trojans find their game; IWU wants revenge

BY JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

With the Mid-Central Conference title out of reach, the Lady Trojans find themselves playing for the best possible conference tournament seed.

After dropping seven of the last 11 games, the team was in danger of falling further down in the standings.

This week, however, the Lady Trojans took care of business, beating Goshen 68-60 and St. Francis 72-61.

At Goshen last Saturday, the team used 55 percent shooting in the first half to jump out to a 39-30 halftime lead.

The first half proved to be the difference as the two teams battled through an evenly played second half. Neither team could seize control of the game, though the Lady Trojans did what they had to do to seal the win.

Playing again without Liz Plass, Suzie Hayden and Sara



Photo by Matthew Wissman

MELANIE BRUMBAUGH PUTS UP A RUNNER IN THE LANE as Lydia Harris looks on. The Lady Trojans travel to cross-county rival and MCC front-runner Indiana Wesleyan tomorrow.

Cummings, other players had to step up. Alicia Russel and Melanie Brumbaugh shouldered the burden, racking up 17 points

each and seven and six rebounds respectively.

Wednesday night, the Lady Trojans showed resolve, using a

second half comeback to beat St. Francis.

St. Francis shot 58 percent in the first half to take a 39-33 half-

time lead.

They built the lead to 49-39, but that was as large as it would get. Taylor stormed back to tie the game at 59 with 6:19 to play.

The Lady Trojans then closed out the game with a 13-2 run, holding the Lady Cougars to just 22 percent second half shooting.

Lydia Harris led the Lady Trojans in scoring with 24 points, shooting five of nine from three-point range. Carrie Roeth contributed a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Sandra New also scored 11 points.

Tomorrow, Taylor travels down the road to Indiana Wesleyan for a 1 p.m. tip. Taylor beat the Lady Wildcats in a thrilling 91-81 overtime game on Jan. 22. IWU leads the MCC with a 10-1 record and is 14th in this week's NAIA national poll.

On Wed. Taylor travels to Huntington, who beat them 70-56 on Jan. 25. They finish up next Sat. against Grace, who they beat 73-68 on Jan. 29.

Pulling away: Trojans' magic number is 1

BY JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

Of the seven major conferences in college basketball - the Atlantic 10, the ACC, the Big Twelve, the Big East, the Big Ten, the Pac 10 and the SEC - three feature conference leaders with two losses or more. With the exception of the Atlantic 10 West, in which Xavier University (9-1) and the University of Dayton (8-1) are running away with the regular season title, every conference has at least three or four teams separated by one or two games.

The Mid-Central Conference can fall into the category of the former. With wins over Goshen on Saturday and St. Francis on Tuesday, coupled with two Huntington losses, the Trojans are in the driver's seat for their second consecutive regular season title.

Saturday's 74-58 win over Goshen gave the Trojans sole possession of first place for the first time this season.

The Maple Leafs came ready to play and jumped out to a 17-6 lead. Taylor, however, woke up and took command of the game. The Trojans connected on eight of their next 11 shots to go on a 17-0 run and never looked back.

Taylor took a 39-26 lead into the locker room, led by Matt Traylor's 17 first half points.

Eight minutes into the second half, Taylor built its largest lead of the game at 25 points, due in large part to deadly outside shooting. The Trojans connected on four of five three-pointers in the second half - 9 of 15 for the game - to finish at 60 percent from downtown.

Taylor, third in the conference in rebounding margin, won the rebounding battle 32-23.

Traylor led the Trojans in scoring for the third time in the last four games with 26 points. Adam Musters finished with 19.

Tuesday night, the Trojans traveled to St. Francis and pulled out a 71-59 win.

The Trojans started off slowly in the first half, hitting only one

of seven three-pointers, but led 31-25 at the break.

The second half was better but not up to average for the Trojans, as they connected on three of nine three-pointers. They finished the game with 46.9 percent shooting overall and held the Cougars to just 34 percent.

The biggest lead of the night came with 4:26 remaining when Taylor led 60-41. From there, 11 free throws was all the Trojans needed to close the game.

Musters was the high man with 18 points, followed by R.J. Beucler with 11 and Jabin Newhouse with 10. Musters and Matt Lettinga also grabbed eight rebounds apiece.

Tomorrow Taylor plays host to bitter rival Indiana Wesleyan at 3 p.m. in Odle Gymnasium. A win would clinch for the Trojans at least a share of the MCC title.

Tues. the Trojans host Huntington at 7 p.m. in a game that could have significant meaning. The league champion scenarios are as follows:

Taylor wins league outright

with wins over at least two of its final three opponents. One win gives the Trojans no worse than a share of the title.

Huntington can win league by beating Grace on Sat., Taylor on Tues. and Indiana Wesleyan next Sat., coupled with a Taylor loss either this Sat. or next Sat. to Grace.

Grace can win league outright by beating Huntington on Sat., Indiana Wesleyan on Tues. and Taylor next Sat., and only if Taylor loses to Indiana Wesleyan and Huntington.

With the madness of March looming, conference races are heating up all across the country. A lot will happen in the remaining weeks before "the Big Dance." Many teams need help from other teams to have a shot at the conference title, but Taylor controls its own destiny. The Trojans can earn the first seed for the Mid-Central Conference tournament if they take care of business this week, but three others can spoil their plans.

Men's MCC Standings

Team	Overall		MCC	
	W	L	W	L
Taylor	22	5	9	2
Huntington	21	7	7	4
Grace	19	8	7	4
Bethel	19	10	6	5
Marian	12	9	6	5
Ind. Wesleyan	9	16	4	7
St. Francis	13	16	3	8
Goshen	13	16	2	9

Women's MCC Standings

Team	Overall		MCC	
	W	L	W	L
Ind Wesleyan	22	7	10	1
Marian	15	8	9	2
Bethel	21	6	8	3
Taylor	15	14	6	5
St. Francis	16	13	4	7
Huntington	11	14	4	7
Goshen	9	14	3	8
Grace	5	21	0	11

This week in TU basketball

Tomorrow

Women at IWU 1 p.m.

Men home vs. IWU 3 p.m.

Tuesday

Men home vs. Huntington 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Women at Huntington 7 p.m.

Saturday 2-22

Women home vs. Grace 1 p.m.

Men at Grace 3 p.m.